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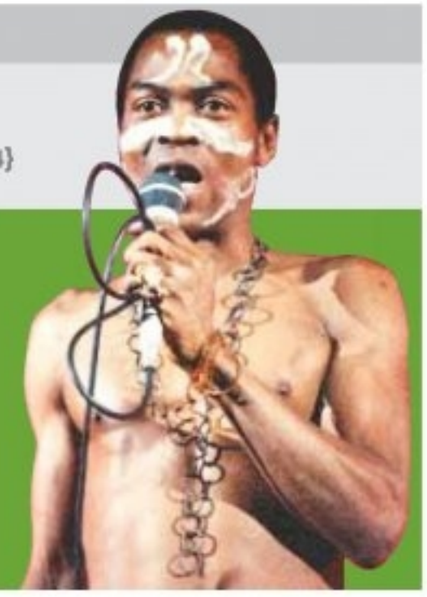

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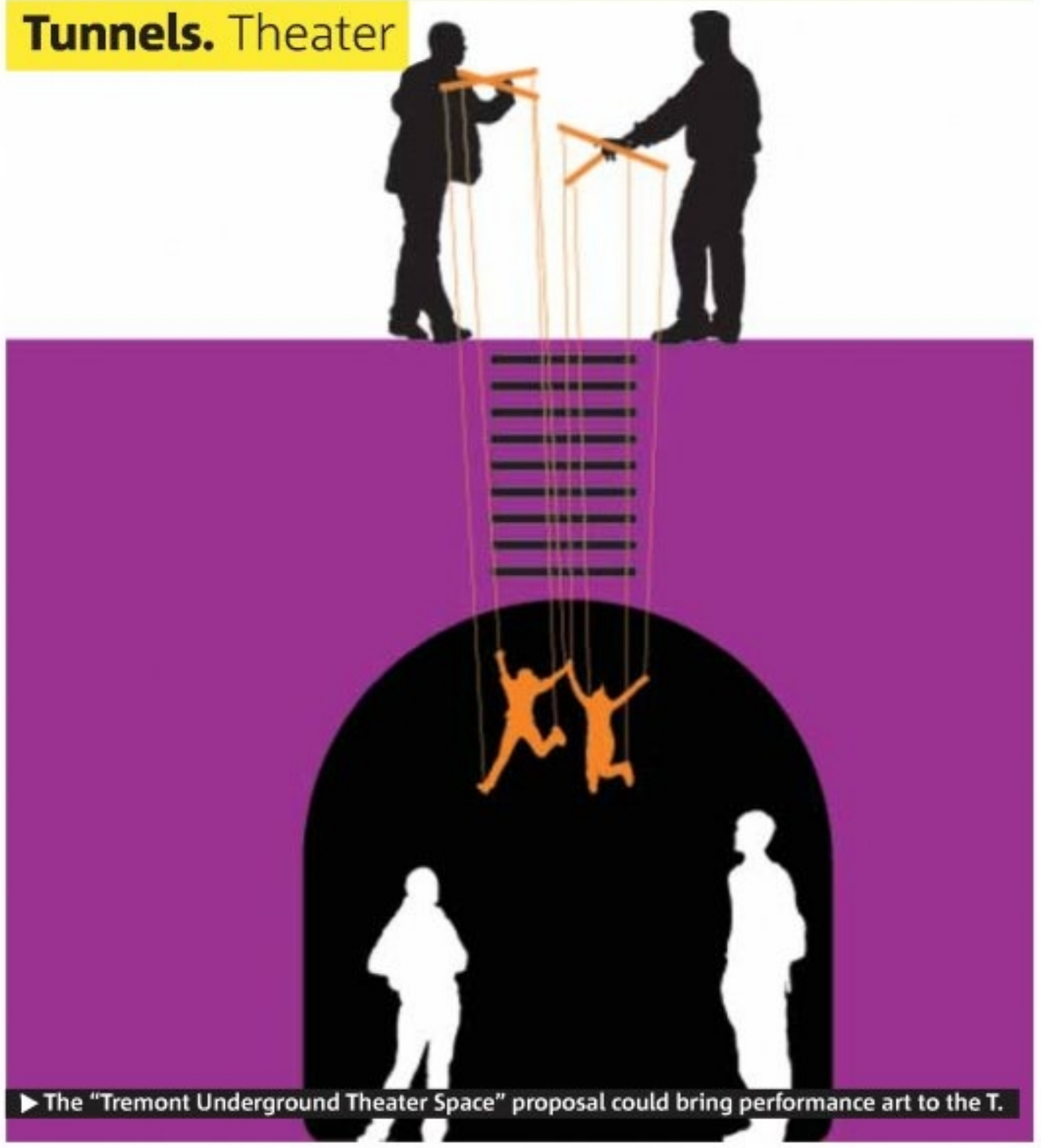

▶ The “Tremont Underground Theater Space” proposal could bring performance art to the T.

Bringing play to the underground?

Two local architects hoping to transform unused MBTA tunnels into a space for the arts are getting closer to making their dream a reality. The duo is working with Suffolk University to create a tourist attraction that also connects people to the city’s points of interest. {page 04}

DA: Southie grandmother was killed for drug money

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Southie murder detailed

Woman, 67, had throat slashed during home invasion, authorities say ◗ Accused killer's family knew victim ◗ Defense attorney says fingerprint evidence is 'weak,' client 'stunned'

A prosecutor yesterday said a 26-year-old South Boston man went to buy heroin after he allegedly killed a 67-year-old woman in her Southie home. Timothy Kostka pleaded not guilty to murder and home invasion charges at his arraignment in South Boston District Court yesterday afternoon. He was ordered held without bail.

A prosecutor said Kostka and the family of the victim, Barbara Coyne, knew one another.

Coyne's son lived at his mother's East Seventh Street home and prosecutors said Kostka was aware that he kept valuable fishing equipment at the home.

On April 16, prosecutors said, Kostka "slipped" into the home and encountered Coyne. He allegedly slit her throat with a butcher knife during the attack, rifled through the home and fled, "leaving her bloody and dying," said Assistant District Attorney Ursula Knight.

Prosecutors said Kostka expected Coyne's son to be out running that day, but he was not. He returned to the home to find his mother bleeding. She gave a clothing description of the person who attacked her.

Knight said detectives were able to obtain fingerprints from a jewelry box and an envelope near some scattered about lottery tickets in the ransacked home. They also obtained video surveillance of him at a nearby convenience store cashing in a lottery ticket moments after the attack.

Knight also said investigators have witness statements that claim Kostka changed clothes and went to buy heroin after the attack.

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▶ Accused killer Timothy Kostka, 26, speaks with a member of his defense team in South Boston District Court yesterday.

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Defense's case

Kostka's attorney, William Gens, said his client is a trained electrician who graduated high school and has strong ties to the South Boston neighborhood.

- Gens said some of the prosecution's evidence is weak and that Kostka is "stunned" by what has happened.
- "Standing alone, a fingerprint is weak evidence," Gens said. "Especially when you have people that know one another."
- Gens also challenged the allegation that Coyne gave her son a description of her attacker and that it matched Kostka. He suggested that Coyne would have spoken of Kostka by name.

Quoted

"It's troubling we have this type of evidence, or lack thereof."

WILLIAM GENS, DEFENSE ATTORNEY

Families know each other

BOSTON. Attorneys for both sides said the families of the victim and the accused murderer knew each other.

Some family members of both Kostka and Coyne held their heads in their hands and cried as they listened to the prosecutors' summary of the attack.

Supporters of both sides declined to talk to reporters as they left court yesterday.

Coyne was related by marriage to a Boston Police Superintendent, the Globe reported. METRO

In the news

70

More than 70 local community organizations and city departments are participating in the "You Have Rights" campaign launched by Mayor Thomas Menino yesterday. The campaign highlights awareness about tenant rights and reporting substandard living conditions without retaliation. Menino said renters deserve a safe place to live without being subject to unlawful evictions or any rights violations. METRO

Today's local tweet

"Will be tasting chemicals in the back of my throat for a week thanks to Too Much Cologne Guy at the bus stop this morning. #MBTA"

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Menino wants residents to lose 1 million pounds

BOSTON. As part of a new initiative to improve the health and fitness of Bostonians, Mayor Thomas Menino yesterday challenged Hub residents to collectively lose 1 million pounds.

The initiative, called "Boston Moves for Health," includes a free online resource where users can set health goals, record their progress and find community resources to help stay fit.

While Boston's obesity rate is lower than the national average, 56 percent of Hub adults are either overweight or obese.

▶ Menino

The program will expand in the coming months and include yoga on City Hall Plaza, Zumba at community centers and walking groups in every neighborhood. METRO

Red Line diversions downtown

BOSTON. Red Line riders will be forced to take shuttle buses between Kendall Square and Broadway Station beginning Saturday until the end of service on Sunday as the MBTA conducts work at Park Street.

Customers connecting to the Orange Line at Downtown Crossing should use Park Street Station.

Visit the T website for more detailss. METRO

City lauded for reducing amount of junk mail

BOSTON. In a digital age, no one wants junk fliers filling their mailboxes.

According to a new survey released by Catalog Choice, Boston ranked number 13 among the 20 most "Mail-Efficient Metro Areas," when it came to putting an end to wasteful mail inserts.

The survey measured the communities that have opted out of the most unwanted advertising mail per capita. During March 2012, Boston and 19 other communities collectively opted out of more than 30,000 company marketing lists, which saved roughly 170,000 pounds of solid waste and over 1,100 trees annually.

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Architects push new underground T project forward

Two local architects hoping to turn abandoned underground MBTA tunnels into space for artists, and retail shops are making a concerted effort to push their plans forward.

Sapir Ng and Andrzej Zarzycki, the creative duo behind the "Tremont Underground Theater Space" proposal, met with students from Suffolk University's Future Investors in Real Estate group to discuss their idea to revitalize unused T tunnels and turn them into tourist attractions.

Students were receptive to the concept and offered a handful of ideas to revamp the space that would allow patrons to walk under the streets, connecting them to various city points, while viewing art and theater acts along the way.

"You could have different themes with different city events, or you could have an interactive digital experience down there," said Ronnie Marini, president of FIRE.

The meeting with the students was a first step for Ng and Zarzycki, as they look to form a coalition to help fund and bring the project to fruition.

"We have reached out to some communities who have showed support. What we want is to have a more formal list of groups interested in helping push the project forward and help sponsor the idea," said Ng.

"You have the tourism and culture in Harvard Square — and where do street performers go in the winter, what if they could perform underground?"
SAPIR NG

▶ Supporters of the project are bubbling with excitement.

Ng said they have also reached out to T officials to pitch their proposal, and are awaiting confirmation.

Members of TUTS touted the opportunity to raise revenue for the T by charging people entrance fees in the tunnels.

Ng and his partner have also unveiled a plan to extend the project to tunnels in Harvard Square once the Tremont Street proposal moves forward.

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MBTA police swab saliva in search of assault suspects

Transit Police are seeking the public's help to identify two men who allegedly spit in an MBTA driver's face last week.

According to reports, a bus driver operating the Route 28 bus from Ruggles Station to Mattapan Station on April 18 was stopped at the intersection of Warren and Hazelwood Streets when two black males boarded the bus and refused to pay the fare.

After the driver asked the first suspect repeatedly to pay for the ride, the suspect said, "You know what man." He allegedly spit in the driver's face, hitting his eyes, forehead, mouth area and the window, according to reports.

The suspect then fled.

Police said the second suspect then said to the driver, "Motherf—er, you want some of this, you really want this," while gesturing to his waistband.

According to reports, the T driver stated he believed the second suspect was motioning his hand towards a firearm concealed in his waistband.

A Transit Police detective responded to the scene and photographed all evidence, and collected the spit from the first suspect using a DNA swab.

Earlier this year, Transit Police said they would start testing DNA from riders who spit on drivers, after T officials said such incidents have been on the rise. METRO/SA

The suspects:

- **Suspect #1** is described as a black male in his late teens with a light complexion; 5-foot-7, slim build; long hair in a ponytail; chin-strap beard; a black baseball hat; an orange, white and yellow Polo shirt; jeans; and sneakers.
- **Suspect # 2** is described as a black male in his late teens with a dark complexion; 5-foot-7, slim build; a blue, hooded sweatshirt; a blue jacket; and jeans.

Man seriously injured in parking space fight

BROCKTON. A Brockton man was being treated for a skull fracture at Boston Medical Center yesterday after he was beaten in a fight over a parking space, police said.

Juan Molina, 24, of Brockton was charged with assault, the Brockton Enterprise reported.

Molina allegedly struck Felipe Sosa with the metal bracket during a fight just after midnight Sunday.

Sosa was in fair condition as of yesterday afternoon.

Police said neighbors told them there had been a year-long dispute about parking spaces between the two men.

Molina left the scene, but later turned himself in. METRO

Poe statue picked for public square

Edgar Allan Poe will soon be striding through Boston with a giant raven by his side.

After a lengthy review process, a five-member artist selection committee picked a statue design of Poe to commemorate his birth place here in the Hub, as well as his writing career.

▶ The winning statue

The Edgar Allan Poe Foundation of Boston announced Monday that the statue of Poe was designed by local sculptor Stefanie Rocknak.

Rocknak said the statue will be cast in bronze and feature Poe walking with a raven, a suitcase and a trail of papers and a heart behind him.

The life-size sculpture will be called "Poe Returning to Boston" and be displayed at the intersections of Boylston Street and Charles Street South, close to where Poe was born in 1809.

The space where the statue will go in Poe Square was dedicated to the writer by Mayor Thomas Menino in 2009 at the city's bicentennial. METRO/SA

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Fear of security breach as it's revealed Secret Service agents took 21 women back to hotel

The Pentagon has suspended security clearances of military personnel implicated in the Colombia prostitution scandal, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said yesterday.

U.S. Secret Service and military personnel allegedly took as many as 21 women back to their beachfront hotel on the night of April 11-12, ahead of President Obama's trip to the seaside city of Cartagena for the Summit of the Americas.

They were discovered when one woman complained about money, leading to the involvement of the local police.

"We have suspended the security clearances of individuals there, pending results of this investigation," Panetta told reporters traveling with him on his flight to Colombia.

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▶ "We expect our people, wherever they are, to abide by the highest standards of conduct," said Defense Sec. Leon Panetta.

"Frankly, my biggest concern is the issue of security and what could possibly have been jeopardized by virtue of this kind of behavior."

Eleven U.S. military personnel have been implicated in the scandal so far, along with 12 Secret Service agents. Within the military, six of them are from the U.S. Army, two from the Marines, two from the Navy and one from the Air Force.

It was not clear how many of those military personnel had security clearances, however. None of them have been charged with any crime yet.

"Those who had security clearances, those have been suspended," said Pentagon spokesman George Little.

Six Secret Service agents have already left the service in the wake of the scandal.

Hiring prostitutes, no matter the legal status where the act takes place, is prohibited for U.S. military personnel. Those convicted under the military justice system can be imprisoned for up to a year and can be discharged dishonorably. **REUTERS**

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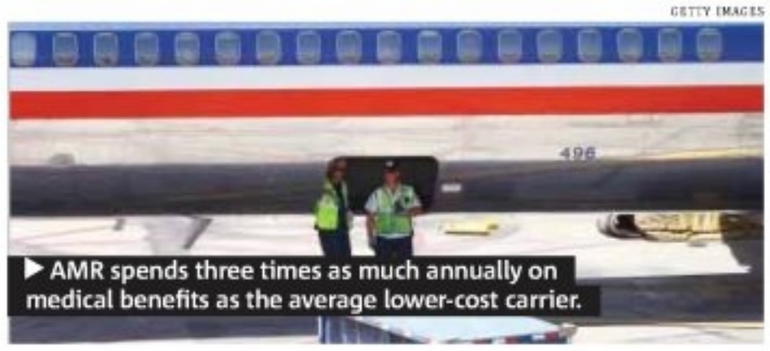

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American Airlines starts court battle to abandon deals

American Airlines kicked off a weeklong court hearing on its bid to abandon union contracts, telling a judge yesterday that its bankrupt parent, AMR Corp., cannot survive without major concessions from its labor force.

Hundreds of people, including lawyers and airline workers, filled the courtroom and two overflow rooms in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan for the start of the hearing, as other unionized workers rallied outside the courthouse.

Cordoned off by police, the workers held signs and chanted for fairer work terms and against AMR's plan to cut about 13,000 union jobs.

AMR wants to convince Judge Sean Lane not only that it desperately needs labor concessions, but that its unions have unreasonably rejected prior attempts to negotiate those concessions. AMR filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in November, citing uncompetitive labor costs. **REUTERS**

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Most people of either party can acknowledge this rare bipartisan truth: Our government is broken. Whether you're a conservative who wishes our elected representatives could rally their electoral mandate to reduce spending, or a liberal who sees Republicans' obstruction in Congress as fulfilling that party's desire to tank the economy and prove President Obama a failure, the story is the same. Our leaders cannot seem to work together — or, for that matter, separately — to get anything at all meaningful done.

In the arc of history, this is a fairly recent development. But it's one in line with the growing partisanship of politics, and it threatens to nullify the ability of lawmakers to effectively make, well, laws.

Obama, who on the campaign trail criticized George W. Bush for his expansion of the presidential office, has since come around to the idea of a strong executive. After two frustrating years of being stymied at every turn by his political rivals, Obama, according to several high-level administration staffers, decided the toxic D.C. environment could not sustain his open hand. Hope be damned, he launched his "We Can't Wait" policy, designed to force through economic plans like mortgage reform and bureaucratic blockages via recess appointments.

Unsurprisingly, Republicans were displeased. (Though it must be said they made no hay over Bush's unilateral expansion of the federal government's torture policy or surveillance state. Nor, for that matter, have Democrats opposed the new Obama doctrine. Such is politics.)

"If we are to get out of our present paralysis, we need not only strong leadership, but changes in institutional rules," says Stanford professor Frank Fukuyama. The right may criticize Obama for his lack of leadership — and the left for his willingness to compromise on progressive ideals — but paralysis yields neither social progress nor debt reduction. Left or right, we all know something's got to give. The question now is: How much longer can we wait?

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▶ President Obama is now leaning on a Bush tactic to expand the reach of the executive branch. Obama says he's doing it for different reasons, but some still worry it sets a dangerous precedent.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Richard Dreyfuss has a confession to make, Adrien Grenier wants more effective airport security, Octavia Spencer is getting a lot of work done on the road and Conan O'Brien can't believe his ears.

@RichardDreyfuss
For the record: I thoroughly enjoyed the film Last Action Hero.

@adriengrenier
Thanks #TSA for another 'guilty until proven innocent' pat down at the airport. If we sacrifice freedom 4 safety we sacrifice both.

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very little tv here in Prague, so I am sure to be productive! still jetlagged. lots of rain in London

@ConanOBrien
Just heard the craziest recording of Mel Gibson speaking in calm and measured tones.

Grenier

Victoria Beckham designs special Range Rover

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▶ Question: When is the last time Victoria Beckham even bothered to drive a car without a driver, do you think?

For only $129,000, you can purchase an SUV designed by **Victoria Beckham**.

Because the rich don't have enough nonsense to spend their money on, Range Rover commissioned the former Spice Girl to help design a limited edition of their new SUV, the Evoque. Only 200 of them will be made with a price tag double that of a regular model.

Does it matter that Beckham has zero experience in designing cars? Of course not! "I did a lot of research and not just with cars, old and new, but boats, planes, movie stars, different locations," she told Reuters on Sunday (as when you think of "safety" and "reliability" you automatically think: "Movie stars!").

According to Reuters, the Beckham-designed vehicle features gold accents on the grille and gloss black forged alloy wheels, as well as "vintage-inspired leather seats, rose gold-plated accents and ... trimmings of black lacquer, textured aluminum and mohair."

"I want a car that reflects my personality. I'm really proud of this car," she told the Daily Mail.

Funny. You think a car that reflects Beckham would look eternally grumpy and be so tiny you could never fit into it.

Lohan heads to Lifetime

Lohan

Considering how closely her life resembles a bad Lifetime movie, it's only fitting that **Lindsay Lohan** is indeed heading to the network to star as **Elizabeth Taylor** in the Lifetime Original Movie "Liz & Dick."

After much speculation, it was confirmed yesterday that shooting for the made-for-TV film will begin in June in Los Angeles. "I have always admired and had enormous respect for Elizabeth Taylor. She was not only an incredible actress but an amazing woman as well," Lohan said in a statement.

"We are thrilled Lindsay will portray beloved Hollywood legend Elizabeth Taylor," added **Rob Sharenow**, the executive vice president of programming for Lifetime. "She is one of the rare actresses who possesses the talent, beauty and intrigue to capture the spirit of such a provocative icon."

Is Sharenow just effing with us? I mean, come on: "talent, beauty and intrigue"? Considering I've seen Lohan's privates more than my own, where does the intrigue come in again?

Talking points

Handler smacks down Jolie

Chelsea Handler isn't letting go of her grudge against **Angelina Jolie**. When asked in an interview with More magazine who she thinks is the opposite of a girls' girl, Handler says, "Probably Angelina Jolie. She doesn't strike me as someone I would have a close friendship with. You just know as a woman, when you see another woman, if that's a woman you can trust." Last year, Handler — who is close pals with **Jennifer Aniston** — turned heads when she labeled Jolie "a home-wrecker" in an expletive-filled takedown.

▶ Handler

The best line to use on Efron

When **Zac Efron** wants to pick up a girl, he knows just what to say: "'So, do you like 'High School Musical?' I'm kidding!" Efron jokes to Women's Health. "If the situation's right, buy someone a drink. Think on your toes, use what's around you, and come up with something organic and fun." On the other hand, it turns out Efron himself is ridiculously easy to pick up. "A woman called me interesting once, and it kind of blew my mind," he reveals. "She said, 'You're one of the most interesting people I've ever met,' and I was like, 'Wow.' I'm still high on that one."

Witherspoon 'parties' with Theron

Reese Witherspoon, reportedly pregnant with her third child, is still up for a night out. The Oscar-winning actress hit up Chateau Marmont with fellow Oscar-winner — and new mom — **Charlize Theron** this weekend, according to People magazine. The two actresses "genuinely [appeared] to have fun with one another," a source says, adding that Theron sipped wine while Witherspoon stuck with sparkling water. It wasn't a late one, though, as the two reportedly called it a night at 10:20 p.m.

Hutercherson's new puppy

Josh Hutcherson has a new puppy in his life, and when it came time to name it, he went with some A-list inspiration. "I'm obsessed with the movie 'Drive,' and **Ryan Gosling**'s character was named Driver," he tells Us Weekly. "I always thought it was a good name for a dog, so it just kind of worked out." No word if Gosling plans to return the favor by naming a dog Peeta.

Saying goodbye to 'House,' celebrities take on London — and more!

1. Justin Bieber, surrounded by fans, arrived at Heathrow Airport on Monday in London.

2. Kate Hudson was spotted in South Kensington on Friday in London, England.

3. Actors **Odette Annable** and **Charlyne Yi** were all smiles at Fox's "House" series finale wrap party at Cicada on Friday in Los Angeles.

4. Nicki Minaj, looking like a deranged creation from Jim Henson (that's a good thing), was seen leaving the W Hotel on Friday night in London, England.

5. Hugh Grant attended "The Pirates! Band of Misfits" New York Screening at AMC Empire 25 theater on Sunday in New York City.

6. "Dexter" star **Michael C. Hall** attended the opening night of "A Streetcar Named Desire" at the Broadhurst Theatre on Sunday in New York City.

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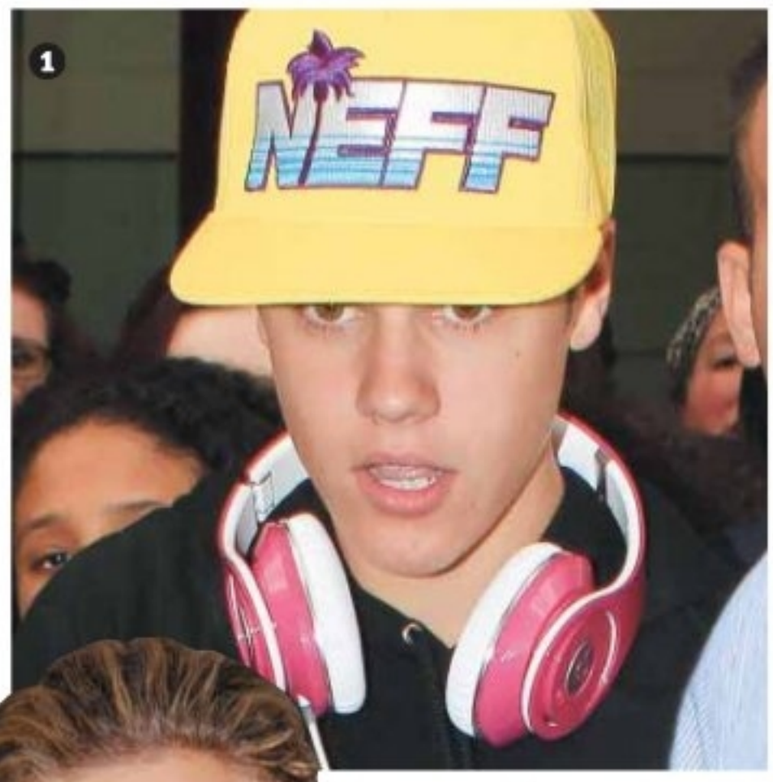

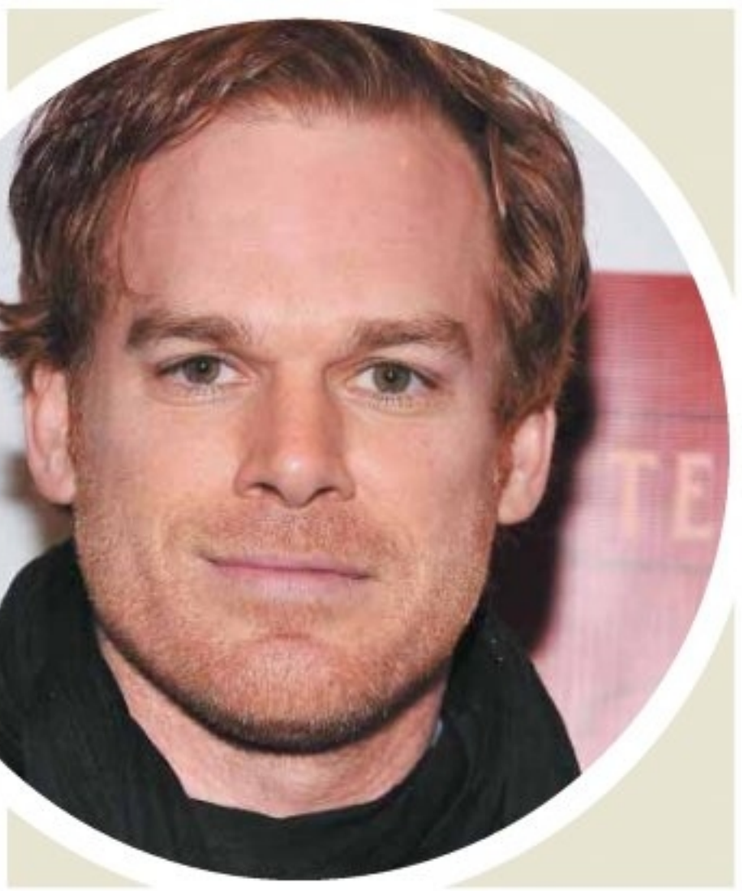

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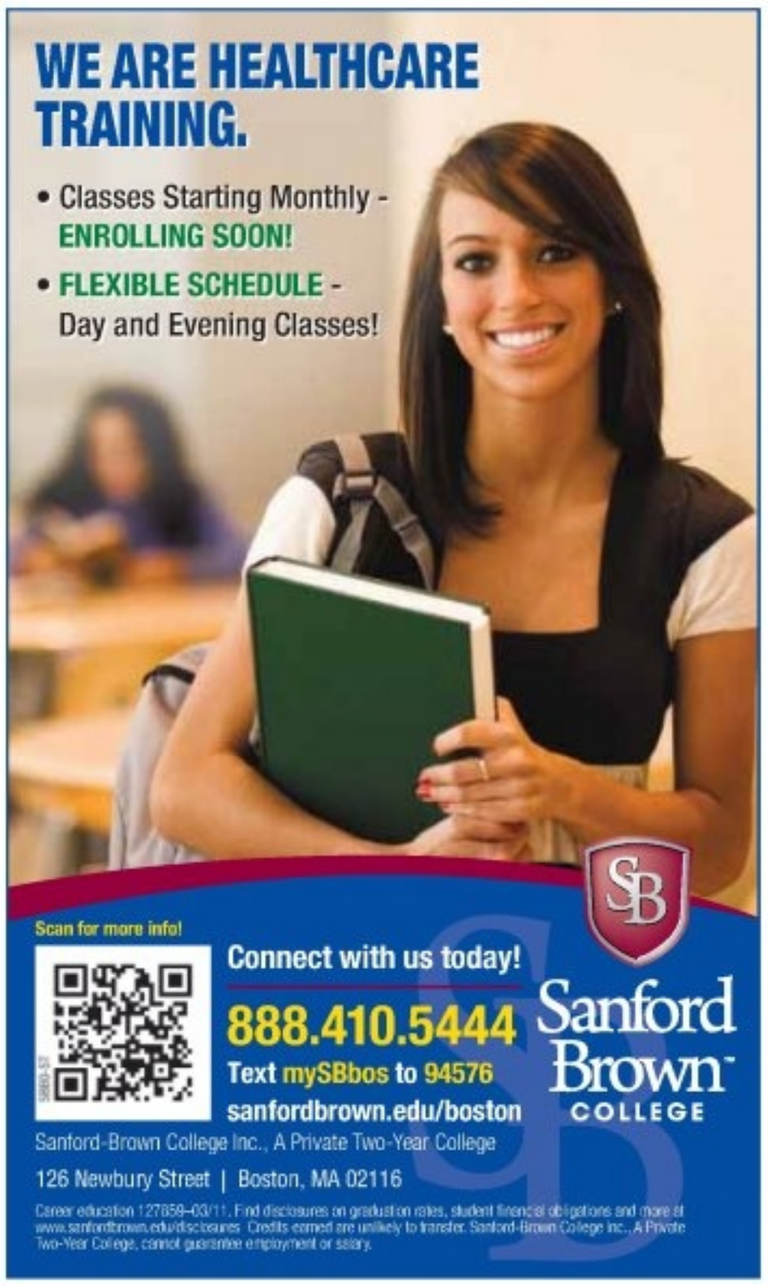
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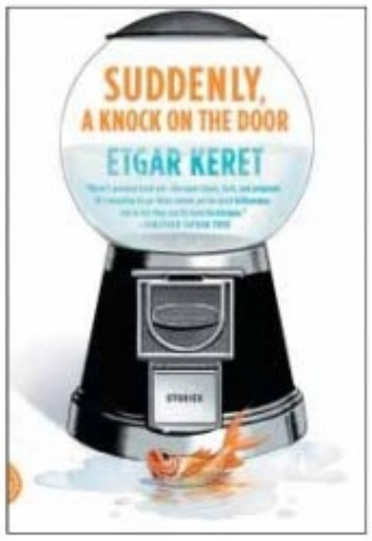


If 'Suddenly, a Knock on the Door,' answer

Great things come in small packages in Israeli writer Etgar Keret's short fiction collection "Suddenly, a Knock on the Door." These slices of contemporary life — unceremonious, candid, raw and affecting — pack a punch in as few as one to two pages, a shot so complete that it leaves a mark on your memory long after. Tense exchanges between parents and children, lovers and even — but maybe especially — strangers expose man's most visceral responses to what triggers his blood to boil and heart to break.

At the same time, the author embraces man's quirks, sometimes even comically naming his characters by these traits. He also masters magical realism. Fabulous metaphors of transformation include a goldfish that grants wishes, a portal to a world where the lies have become truths and a way to replace lovers with the yank of a zipper tab. "I never differentiate the 'magical' moments from the realistic ones," claims Keret. "If [a protagonist] tries to win the heart of the love of his life, the last thing that concerns you as a writer is if he'll break some physical laws in the process."

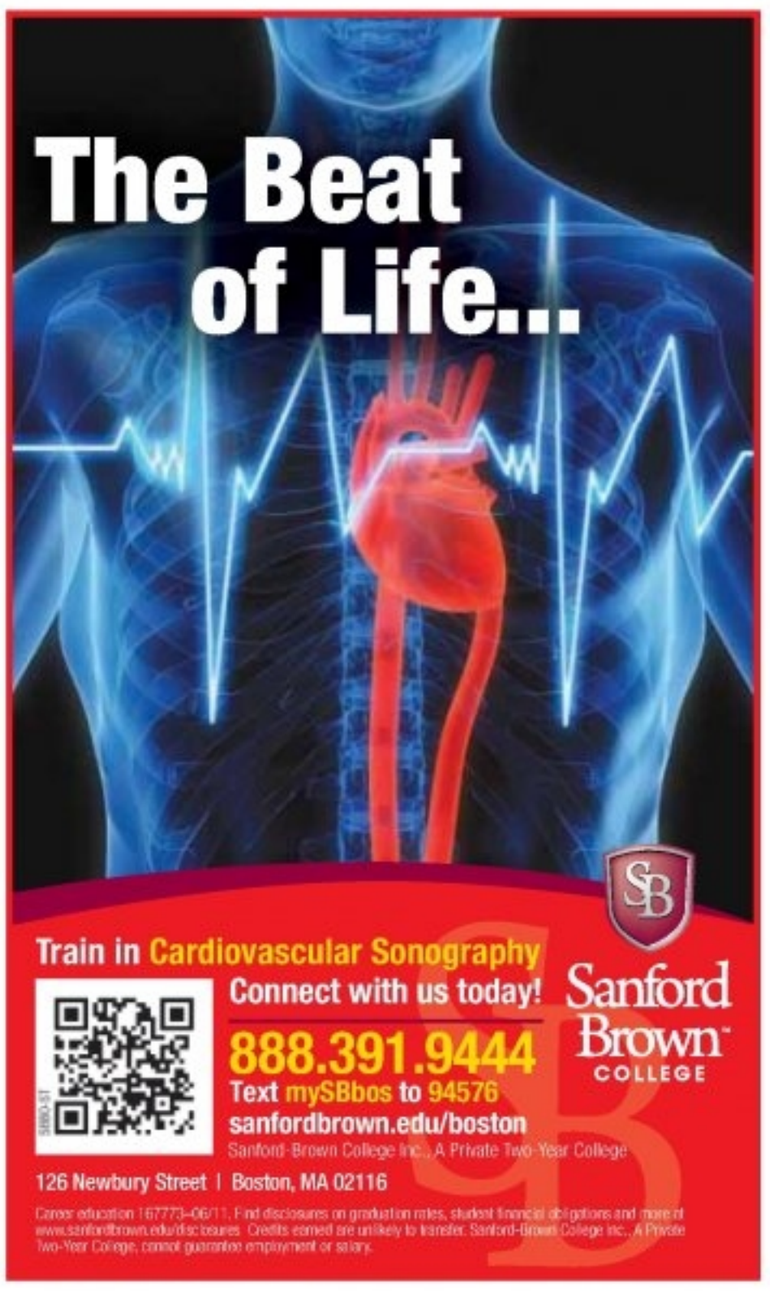
However otherworldly, the author's stories are often self-reflective. In the two that bookend the collection, the protagonists are boorishly forced by others to write on command — their respective livelihoods depend on it. While the pressures of the outside world weigh similarly on Keret's process, he's ultimately his own worst enemy. "Whenever I torture myself into writing, the result is embarrassingly bad," he says, adding that it's a mistake he continues to make and learn from. But his solution to writer's block is surprisingly passive. "Writing is a gift," he says. "I just find something else to do with my life until a new story presents itself."

This organic approach explains why the focus of Keret's stories shifts from one character's inner-workings to another's almost effortlessly. But just as his story lines flow like a stream of consciousness, most of his characters are held captive by their own unfiltered, anxious and reactive thoughts. It's something the author says we're all guilty of. "Even when we think we are living in the 'real' world we keep inventing narratives that exist more in our heads than

Q&A

How does your multinational worldview affect your attitude toward violence?

"The world we live in is a very violent and fearful place, and the 'neighborhood' in which I live is even more so. The relationship between the Middle East and the rest of the world is like the relationship between a reality [TV] show and the real world. They are made of the same ingredients but in a reality show, because of the extreme circumstances, those ingredients are more likely to turn into conflicts. I'm not completely sure that Israel is the best place to live in but I am sure it is the best place to write in."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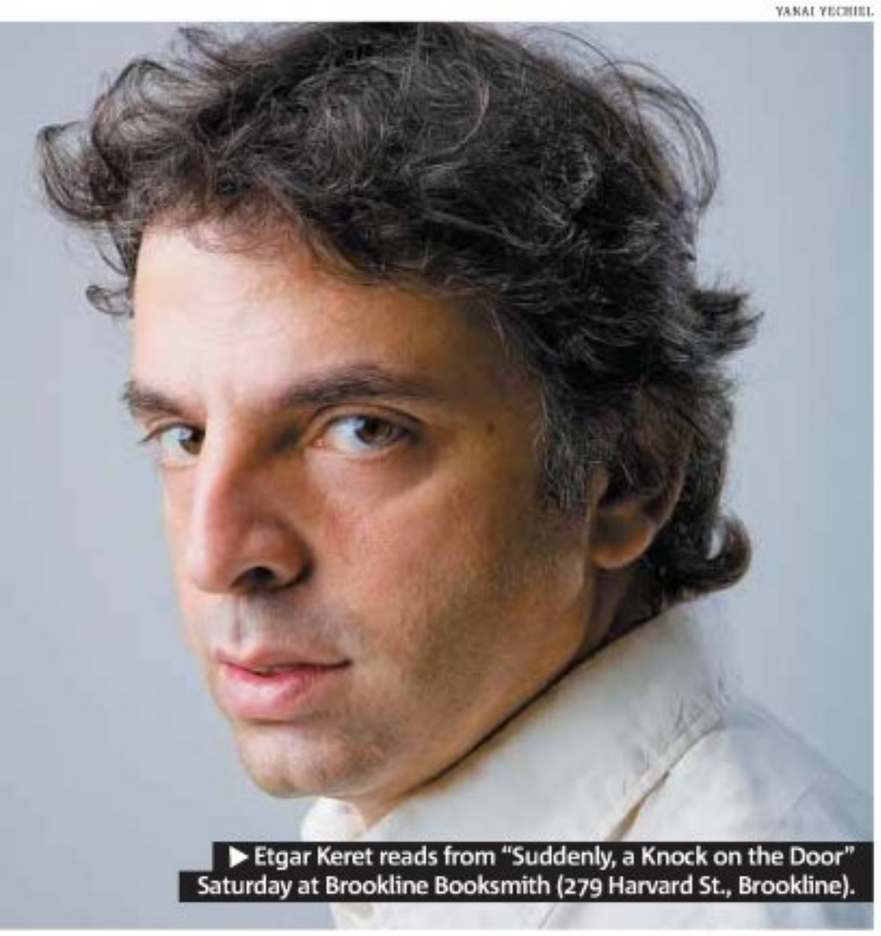

▶ Etgar Keret reads from "Suddenly, a Knock on the Door" Saturday at Brookline Booksmith (279 Harvard St., Brookline).

in the world around us. This isn't necessarily bad provided we create an interpretation which is livable and bearable," he argues.

Conversely, disengaging with the real world can be destructive, a symptom of an underlying despair. Keret's protagonists are often dissatisfied with their present lives, suppressing their instincts, desires and/or true identities in order to please others. However, the author asserts that compromise, to some extent, is a price of admission worth paying in most relationships, "especially if the alternative is loneliness … which I always personally found too difficult and sad to handle."

But how has Keret managed so brilliantly to keep a sense of humor in these tales of bitterness, impermanence and loss? "Humor is like those air bags they have in cars," he says. "In cases of accidents it activates itself. I don't think we could have survived without it."

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TV watch list

'90210'

DRAMA. If Naomi has to struggle so hard to convince her friends that fiancé PJ is "the one," maybe she should take the hint. **8 p.m., The CW**

'The L.A. Complex'

DRAMA. The title screams "Melrose Place" but the concept is more akin to "Fame," as young performers living at "The Lux" motel try to make it big in Hollywood. **Series premiere, 9 p.m., The CW**

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▶ "Melrose Place"? Nah, it's "The L.A. Complex."

'Doomsday Preppers'

REALITY. These preppers could be considered hoarders, except they'll be the only ones who survive once the apocalypse arrives because the rest of us were loafing around watching "Hoarders." **Season finale, 9 p.m., National Geographic**

'The Voice'

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'Music is the weapon'

One of the leads in 'Fela!' may not have known about the musical's title character before auditioning, but it's a great time for the world to learn about Kuti's life, music and politics

TRISTRAM KENTON

▶ Marshall, left, and Sahr Ngaujah star in "Fela!" which won three Tony awards, including best choreography.

It's not every international music star whose life should be turned into a Broadway show, but revered/controversial Nigerian singer Fela Kuti is a welcome exception. In the wake of 21st century globalization and growing concerns over corporate/political greed and responsibility, "Fela!" seems to have arrived at just the right time.

As the father of afro-beat music (a combination of funk, jazz, Ghanaian highlife music and local Yoruba traditions), Kuti gained legions of followers in his native Nigeria for not only his infectious, innovative music — which often included large numbers of dancers and musicians onstage and all-night shows — but also his outspoken musical attacks against the oppressive Nigerian government and his inspirational Nigerian pride.

"Fela!'" co-star Melanie Marshall laughs when admitting that she had never heard of Kuti prior to being told about the production, which debuted on Broadway in 2009. Although many are just learning now about the singer, who died in 1997 at the age of 58, the intrigue of Kuti's legend is definitely part of the appeal.

"I think with a lot of great leaders, great politicians and great innovators, whatever they were saying back in the day is relevant now," says Marshall, a veteran of the London production. She plays Kuti's intellectual and political-minded mother, Funmilayo.

As the touring production of "Fela!" has moved through the United States, Marshall sees a connection with recent Occupy protests as further evidence that people are ready to be moved by Kuti's message of unity and fairness.

"[Music] was his way of letting people know exactly what was going on his country," says Marshall. "His mantra was 'music is the weapon.'"

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Talking King Kuti

Kuti wasn't just a star in his native Nigeria; he was like a king.

"He probably was the Nigerian equivalent of royalty because he was so revered by his people," says Marshall, "but not by the government." In 1970, Kuti declared his communal compound independent from the Nigerian government. He also owned a nightclub called Afrika Shrine. Marshall says Kuti's buildings may have been razed by the Nigerian army, but their memories live on: "Wherever we go, there was someone who knew him, who played with him, who was in the Shrine. It's like six degrees of separation."

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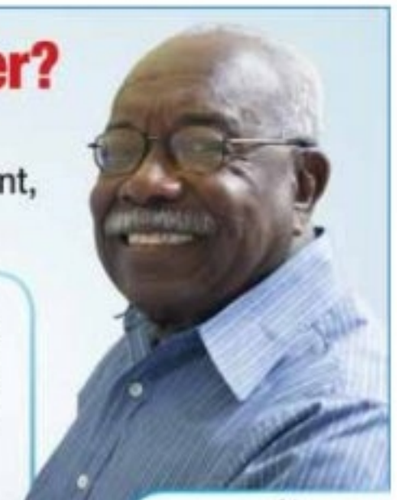

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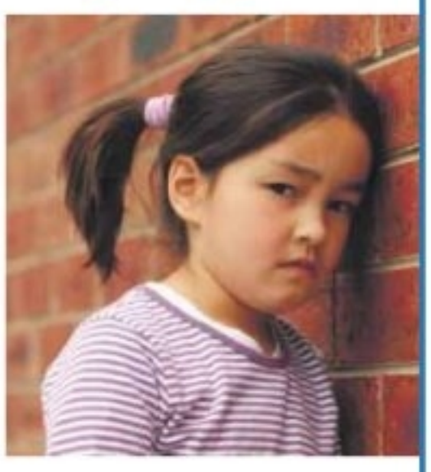

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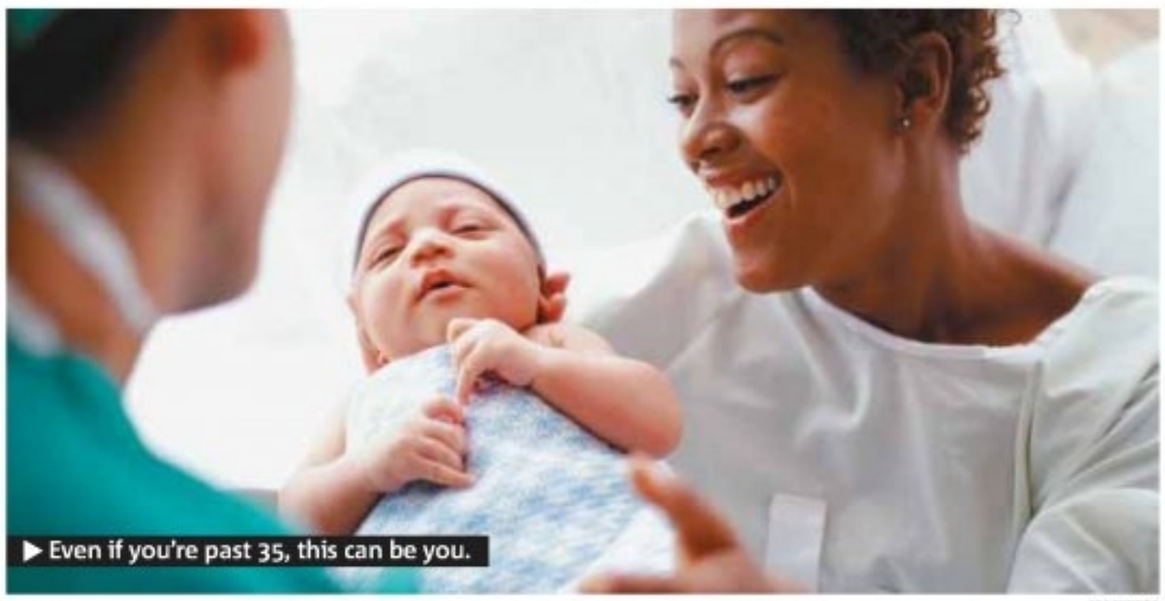
10 Little-known fertility facts

Dr. Jean Twenge dispels some myths about babymaking in her new book, "The Impatient Woman's Guide to Getting Pregnant." In honor of Infertility Awareness Week, we're sharing some of her findings.



▶ Even if you're past 35, this can be you.

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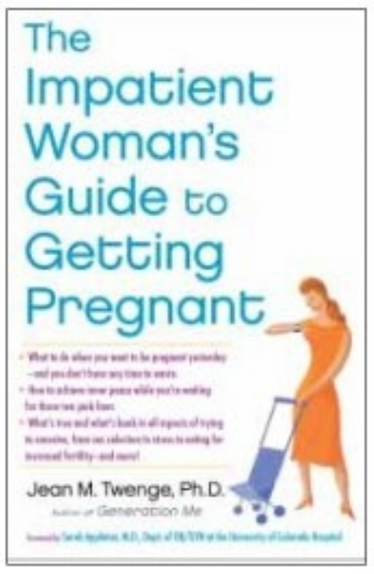

1 If you can predict your ovulation, you can get pregnant very quickly — usually within three months — even if you're older than 35. Many sites say you have only a 5 to 20 percent chance of getting pregnant each cycle, but you can increase those odds considerably by keeping track of ovulation.

2 The day of ovulation is not the most fertile day of the cycle. The two days before ovulation are the most fertile. This means that the instructions for ovulation predictor kits and fertility monitors are off by a day.

3 The statistic that one-third of women over 35 will have fertility issues is based on a study of birth records from 1700s rural France — a time before modern medicine, birth control and possibly soap. Studies of more recent populations find that only 18 percent were not pregnant within a year, and that about half of these women will get pregnant in the second year of trying.

4 You won't decrease your chances of getting pregnant by "trying too hard" or worrying about your fertility. Stress has to be pretty extreme before it affects fertility.

5 Even so, stressing about fertility is no fun. To keep your sanity, you'll want to use some stress-busting techniques. For example, learn the technique of controlling your breathing to make yourself calm when you start to freak out.

6 The best diet for fertility follows the acronym SOS: spinach (representing vegetables, fruits and whole grains), olives (for the olive oil, nuts and fish of a Mediterranean diet) and salmon (for lean protein, especially fish high in omega-3 fatty acids).

7 Tests of "egg count" (FSH, AMH, Plan Ahead or ultrasounds for ovarian reserve) are virtually useless for predicting whether you can get pregnant naturally. Your egg count predicts how many eggs doctors might be able to retrieve during fertility treatments such as IVF, but research shows it doesn't matter much for getting pregnant at home as long as you're still having regular cycles.

8 The usual advice about how to conceive a boy versus a girl (having sex far from ovulation if you want a girl and close if you want a boy) is wrong. According to the latest research studies, the opposite timing actually works better.

9 Some supposedly fertility-enhancing supplements you may have heard about online or in books can actually make fertility worse instead of better. (Two examples are Vitex/chasteberry and L-arginine.)

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RE: "WHY AREN'T ELECTIONS HELD ON HOLIDAYS?": If elections were held on a holiday, the voter turnout would be a joke. People would not be able to leave their states or districts to travel to visit family or go away on vacations around holiday time. That doesn't appear to be a democracy to me. **MARGARET MCCORMICK, VIA E-MAIL**

One reason could be that it would make it easier for working people to get to the polls, and that may change everything. **JANICE QUIRK, VIA E-MAIL**

I agree with Joan Sage's suggestion that we should have elections on holidays — or at the very least, on weekends. I also believe we should end the electorial college and stop publicly funding party primaries. The problem is the Catch-22 of relying on elected officials to do it, when they benefit from no changes being made in our electoral process. **DARYLE LAMONT JENKINS, VIA E-MAIL**

Federal government pays for services

RE: "GOVERNMENT CAN'T EVEN RUN A BUDGET": Mr. St. George insults my education and knowledge, but he apparently can't read a letter. There was nothing in my letter about U.S. foreign policy, only about the lengthy and successful history of the federal government's investment in the economic development of our country. So much of our support infrastructure (electronic grid, railroads, highways, airports, dams, canals, etc.) would not have been possible if left entirely to the private sector. Mr. St. George needs to do more studying. **KATHY KOURIAN, BEDFORD**

Frank St. George makes a compelling case — for remedial primary education, especially when he starts blaming "government-run schools" for the sorry state of American education. I would blame him and his ilk, who insist on a single, retrograde view of our government and the world. Fanaticism like that is what leads to car bombs and crazed snipers. **JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL**

Republicans want to cover up the record on government debt. Democrats held the balance of power in D.C. from 1933 to 1980 and left with a debt just under $1 trillion. The Reagan and Bush presidents then ran the debt up to $10 trillion and left Obama with an annual deficit of more than $1 trillion. In 1968, the Dems in Congress passed a tax to help pay for the Vietnam War. Bush put two wars entirely on a credit card for the kids to pay off. **HARRY THORN, VIA E-MAIL**

Romney no better, but both are bad

RE: "GIVE OBAMA A BREAK; ROMNEY'S WORSE": While I will admit Romney may not be any better than Obama, I will not "give Obama a break." Obama is not helping the lower-middle class because he does not understand economics. If a person has very little money to begin with what will printing money and keeping low interest rates by the Fed do to that person's wealth? It will make them poorer because their dollars will be worth less than before. **KELLY DONNOE, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Because material conditions are holding steady at this point in time, there's a strong likelihood that you could have a little surplus in hand. Why not get yourself something special?

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you are planning on going someplace where you could run into someone you're anxious to impress, take extra time to primp a bit. Feel good about yourself, and others will too.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Follow your compassionate instincts when they urge you to do something nice for another. However, it's important that you do so with as little fanfare as possible if you want to make the correct impression.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** A huge hope or an expectation might be fulfilled through the good auspices of an old friend. Be sure to acknowledge with proper gratitude all that he or she does for you.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** There's a strong possibility that you could learn a very valuable lesson: Happiness is not based on how much you possess, but by interacting with loving people whom you respect.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You never underestimate the power of kind words, and you'll use them to bolster the spirits of another who is down on his or her luck. What you offer will be the encouragement that is needed.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** One of your biggest breaks will come from being in the right place at the right time in order to profit from some solid foundations laid by others.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You'll be amazed at how giving others the benefit of the doubt actually profits you. Its magic works in your favor with all your relationships.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Take advantage of every opportunity you get that can put you on better terms with co-workers. Now's the time to amass a huge surplus of goodwill.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Cupid is singling you out for special attention by making it possible for you to attract the regard of someone who may have never noticed you previously. Just be yourself and everything will fall into place.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** There is no one better than you at sorting out complicated developments. Now is the time to figure out you need to attract someone who'll be as focused as you are.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Because you'll coat your requests in a hint of sugar, others will be more likely to do your bidding. However, you'd better follow through.

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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How to play Sudoku: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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▶ We love Hawaii, but Antigua serves up pineapple and palm trees much closer.

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Somehow, the Beach Boys forgot to name-check the sun-soaked Caribbean island of Antigua At seven hours away, it offers a much-closer tropical fix

There's a reason Europeans in search of serious sun flock to Antigua — or, more accurately, 365 reasons. The Caribbean island proudly boasts a "beach for every day of the year," and with temperatures hovering around 75-85 degrees year-round, there's no shortage of time to enjoy each and every one of them.

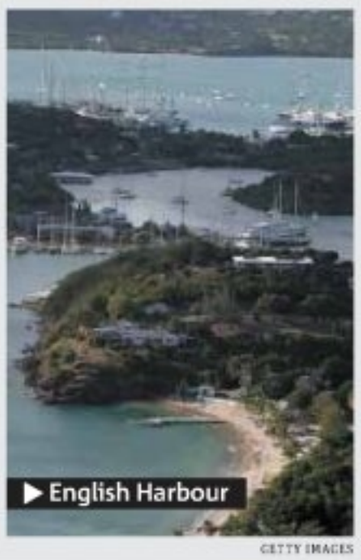
Considering it's only a seven hour flight from Boston, it's about time we crashed this beach party.

Eat this

Antigua has a rich food culture that mixes traditional island cuisine with that of its former English colonists, along with plenty of Jamaican influences. For more adventurous eaters, roadside food stands serve up piles of jerk meats and plantains. If you'd prefer some comfort take-out, the island is also host to many Chinese restaurants where the menu will look familiar. But you can't leave before trying the island's storied "black pineapple." With darker skin than the fruit you'll find in supermarkets, its flesh is pale and smoothly sweet with hints of rich, creamy coconut. They don't grow enough to export stateside, so get your fill — or get sneaky with customs.

Shop this

If you start to miss city life, pay a visit to Antigua's capital, St. John's. Buzzing with a warm island energy, Market Street is packed with restaurants, boutiques and fruit and veggie vendors. While it's no longer open to the public, the looming St. John's Cathedral is worth a walk-by. It's fallen into disrepair — it has, after all, been standing since 1845 and seen its share of earthquakes — but the graveyard is now used as a kind of spooky city park.



▶ English Harbour

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Gawk at this

Once a base for the British navy, English Harbour is now home to some major yachts. The best way to gawk is to charter a speedboat ride. Not only can you get an up-close look at some of the most opulent boats in the world, but along the way your guide can also point out some of the impossibly posh seaside homes of celebrities including Eric Clapton and Giorgio Armani.

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Stay smart

Much of Antigua's coast is rocky, so make sure your beachfront hotel is truly on the sand and not perched on a cliff. Snuggled into an inlet along the island's quieter southern coast and backed by a tropical rainforest, Carlisle Bay resort features a powdery beach steps away from every one of its suites, all of which have ocean views. The resort is carefully designed to accommodate both families and couples, with designated meal times for children, around-the-clock day care and family-style room accommodations.

Weather warnings

Don't be intimidated by a rainy forecast. Weather.com will likely predict a 100 percent chance of showers every day, but these rarely last long enough for you to move under your beach umbrella.

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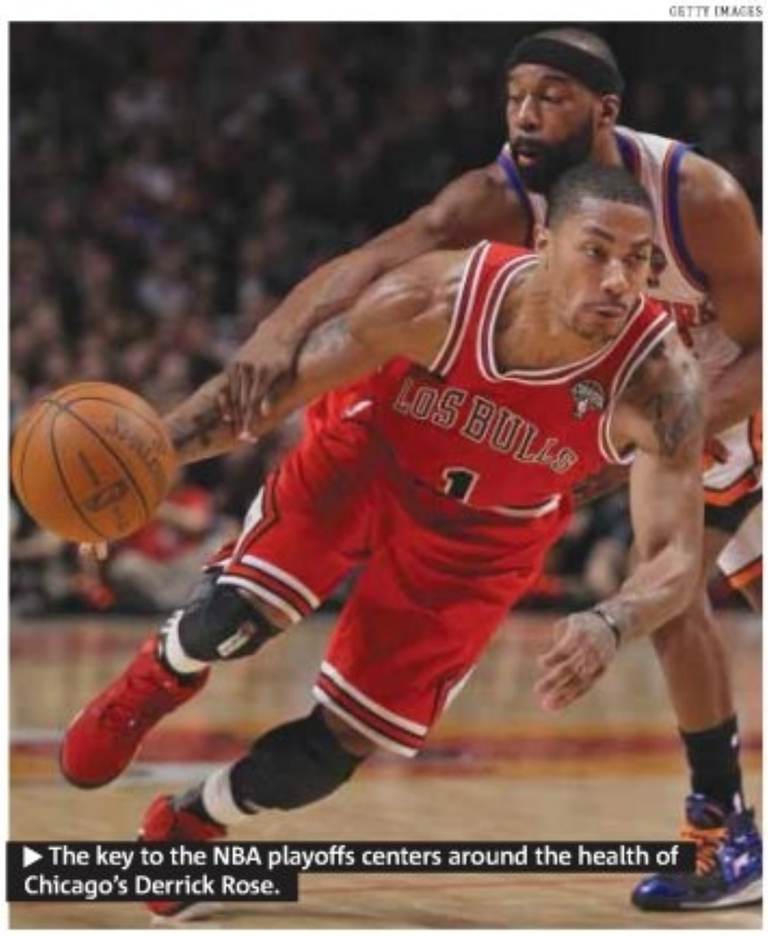

▶ The key to the NBA playoffs centers around the health of Chicago's Derrick Rose.

◗ Celtics and Lakers in different position of being title sleepers ◗ Oklahoma City the favorite out West ◗ Depth the key for the Bulls in the top-heavy East

Unlike the NHL, the NBA playoff seeding is much more indicative of the talent surrounding a team, and the odds that they will, in fact, advance to the next round. That's why the top contenders for the NBA title aren't surprising. But don't sleep on a couple of teams when the playoffs begin this Saturday:

Chicago

Reigning MVP Derrick Rose has played in just 38 of the Bulls' 64 games, yet they still own the best record in the NBA (48-16) going into last night. Needless to say, they're very deep. Luol Deng remains one of the more underrated players in the league, and is a Celtics killer. The Heat guards have filled Rose's void nicely, and big men Joakim Noah and Carlos Boozer are forces.

Miami

LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh. What else do you need to know? All three should be healthy going into the postseason, and it will be interesting to see if they kick it into another gear. We know the Heat can bring it one game, and disappear the next.

Indiana

The dark horse team to come out of the East, the Pacers have been the epitome of health this season. Four of their starters have played in 62 games or more, and seven players have played in 58 or more. Their backcourt is truly deep, and they're one of the best rebounding teams in the NBA.

Oklahoma City

On Sunday, Ron Artest layed a vicious elbow on Thunder sixth man James Harden, an elbow that took Harden (and Artest) out of the game. It's still unclear how serious the injury to Harden is, but if he can come back, I like the Thunder to win it all.

San Antonio

The Spurs aren't the "sexy" pick this year, or any year really, but they're always a serious threat down the stretch. Tim Duncan has taken a diminished role and thrived in it. Tony Parker remains a top guard, and the Spurs' coach, Greg Popovich, is maybe their greatest advantage.

Memphis Grizzlies

No team catches lightning in a bottle quite like the Grizzlies. They're built for the grind: young, athletic, energetic, and most importantly, skilled. Rudy Gay, Marc Gasol, Mike Conley, Zach Randolph, and Tony Allen, make for one tough matchup.

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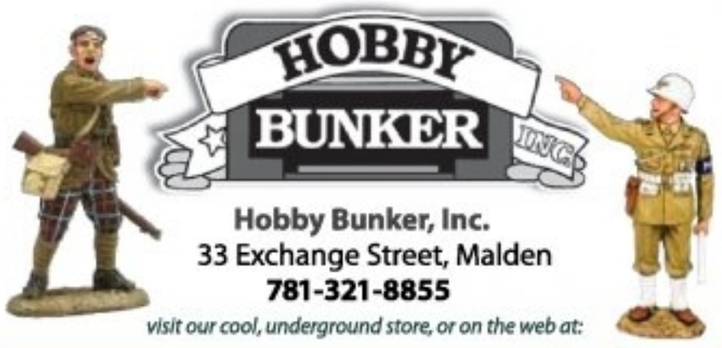

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Wanted: Game 7 heroes

Tyler Seguin stepped up in Game 6 after a relatively quiet series ◗ Who will be remembered as Game 7's top player? ◗ Fans better hope one of these guys comes up big

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Tim Thomas

He's been struggling in regard to his lofty standards as of late. But Tim Thomas was tremendous in elimination games last season.

He allowed 0 goals against Vancouver in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Finals, another goose egg against Tampa Bay in the Eastern Conference finals, and just one in the Game 4 clincher against Philly. In last year's first round Game 7 against Montreal, he did allow three goals, however.

Hero odds: 3-1

David Krejci

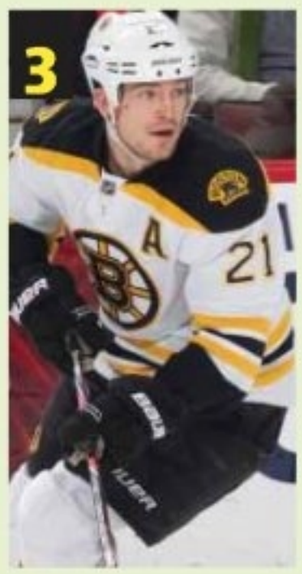
David Krejci finally came through for the Bruins when they needed him most in Game 6 against the Capitals on Sunday as he had a first-period goal on the power play and assisted Tyler Seguin's game-winner in overtime.

In the three Game 7s during last year's postseason, Krejci did not have a goal, but he does have the ability to come up big in the clutch.

Krejci had a hat trick in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference Finals last year against Tampa Bay.

Hero odds: 10-1

Honorable mention: It may be too much to ask for Tyler Seguin to come up big again in the clutch.



Bruins defense

Andrew Ference was another big surprise in Game 6 for the Bruins as he contributed to the offense in a big way.

The veteran defenseman has always been able to get the job done around the net as he once had 31 points in a season (2005-06).

Zdeno Chara will once again be a threat, as long as he and his nose can avoid the wielding blade of Alexander Ovechkin's stick, unlike in Game 6.

Hero odds: 12-1

Honorable mention: Rich Peverley has a team-high five playoff points.

Patrice Bergeron

Patrice Bergeron does not have a goal in this series, so he's certainly due. The B's center had 22 goals this year.

He does have a legitimate excuse, however, due to the fact that he was pummeled on two occasions in Game 5. It was bad enough that he did not take faceoffs in Game 6.

Hero odds: 16-1

Brad Marchand

Brad Marchand has been taking some heat locally for his non-Bruins-like flopping ways as of late.

But he could quickly get back in the good graces of cynical fans if he comes up big tomorrow night.

Hero odds: 8-1

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More cheating from Saints?

ESPN reported yesterday that the U.S. attorney's office in the Eastern District of Louisiana was told that Saints general manager Mickey Loomis had an electronic device in a suite at the Superdome that allowed him to eavesdrop on visiting coaching staffs for nearly three seasons.

The allegations date back to the 2002 season, which was Loomis' first year on the job. The Saints GM is currently facing an eight game suspension for his role in the Saints "Bounty Scandal." METRO

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